

MILLE LACS ENERGY COOPERATIVE  
Aitkin, MN 56431

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative was held at its office on March 23, 2023. All board members were present.

President Harold Harms called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

All team leaders were present for their reports. CEO Sarah Cron attended virtually. Executive Assistant Debra Chute was also present. Everyone joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

These minutes being transcribed by or under the direction of Secretary/Treasurer, Aileen DeMenge, the following proceedings have: (all action being first duly moved and seconded, and all action taken being upon the unanimous vote of the Board, or without dissenting vote or abstention, unless otherwise stated).

M/S/P to approve consent agenda items expense vouchers for the period ending March 23, 2023, agenda for the March 23, 2023 regular board meeting, and minutes of the February 23, 2023 regular board meeting.

The team and financial reports for February 2023 and recommended electric write-offs in the amount of \$2,498.19 were reviewed and accepted upon motion.

MLEC new employee Member Service Representative Michelle Johnson was introduced to the directors.

### PRESENTATION

Courtney Richman and John Frosig of Eide Bailly, LLP attended the meeting virtually to review the 2022 MLEC Audit Report. MLEC Attorney Heinrich Brucker also attended in person.

M/S/P to accept the 2022 MLEC Audit Report.

### VOTING

#### 2.1 2021 Member Allocation

M/S/P to approve the 2021 Member Allocation of capital credits. MLEC coop allocation is in the amount of \$915,917 and Great River Energy allocation is in the amount of \$975,011.

#### 2.2 Policy Review

M/S/P to approve the following revised policies:

- Policy No. 506 – Single and Three Phase Motors
- Policy No. 507 – Outdoor Lights, Public Street & Highway Lighting
- Policy No. 507A – Coop Owned Outdoor Lighting Maintenance & Retrofits
- Policy No. 508 – Non-Standard Service: Neutral Isolation
- Policy No. 509 – Right-of-Way Clearing & Reclearing

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2.3 Board Activity Reports

GRE – The March 2023 GRE Board Report submitted by Harold Harms was reviewed.

MREA – MREA 2023 First Quarter Report was reviewed.

MREA Legislative Bulletins from March 3 and March 10, 2023 were reviewed.

RUS – No report

CFC – No report

NRECA – No report

MAC – No report

FEDERATED – No report.

NRTC – No report

RESCO – No report.

NISC – Patronage check in the amount of \$4,769.70 was received from NISC for 2022 Patronage.

Other - CRC Voting Delegate information was reviewed.

M/S/P to approve Harold Harms as CRC's 2023 Voting Delegate and Aileen DeMenge as 2023 alternate.

M/S/P to accept the activity reports.

REPORTS

3.1 Safety Control

Deanna Soderberg conducted a Field Audit on March 1<sup>st</sup> and did an Equipment Certification on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

Deanna Soderberg will conduct a Field Audit on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

The 2023 Safety Meeting Schedule and the February 2023 Safety Cross were reviewed.

3.2 CoGeneration Filings

MLEC's 2022 CoGeneration Report was reviewed.

3.3 ACRE/REPAC Donations

Board members and employees will make ACRE/REPAC donations if they wish.

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

4.1 NRECA Director Online Courses for April and May were reviewed.

4.2 Riverwood Annual Meeting, March 29, 2023, 5:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Attending: No one

4.3 GRE Annual Meeting, Wednesday, April 5, 2023

Maple Grove and virtual

Attending: Harold Harms

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4.4 MREA District 2 Meeting, Friday, July 14, 2023  
Lake County Power, Cohasset, MN

4.5 MREA Energy Issues Summit, Bloomington  
Wednesday – Thursday, August 8 – 9, 2023

4.6 NRECA Region Meeting, September 12 – 14, 2023  
Des Moines, IA

4.7 Other Meeting Information:  
Three month look ahead @ MLEC Board meeting NON-Reoccurring Agenda Items:

- April 27<sup>th</sup>:
  - 2022 Member Allocation
  - 2022 MLEC 990 Review
  - GRE Video
  - NRECA Governance Video or Article
- May 25<sup>th</sup>:
  - Election of Officers
  - Annual Board Duties and Responsibilities Review – Henry Brucker
  - NRECA Governance Video or Article
- June 22<sup>nd</sup>:
  - Board Fees
  - NRECA Governance Video or Article

MREA 2023 Board Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday – Wednesday, April 18-19
- Tuesday, June 27
- Thursday – Friday, August 10-11
- Tuesday – Wednesday, October 17-18
- Tuesday – Wednesday, December 12-13

NOTE: If anyone is interested in attending a MREA Board meeting, please let Deb Chute and Director Aileen DeMenge know so arrangements can be made.

4.8 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, April 27, 2023
- Friday, May 25, 2023
- Thursday, June 22, 2023

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- 4.9 MLEC Annual Meeting - Thursday, May 18, 2023,  
Minnesota National Golf Course, McGregor, MN  
4:00 – 5:45 p.m. – Registration and Meal; 5:45 - Business Meeting.  
Attending: All Directors

Neighboring Cooperative Annual Meeting Dates

- Lake Country Power  
April 20, 2023  
Cromwell – Wright High School  
4:00 Registration and dinner  
5:30 Meeting
- East Central Energy  
April 20, 2023  
Braham Event Center and Facebook  
5:00 Registration  
6:00 Meeting
- Crow Wing Power  
June 17, 2023  
Arrowwood Lodge  
10:00 a.m.  
Members must RSVP

M/S/P to approve Thursday, June 22, 2023 Board meeting date.

M/S/P to approve director participation at all scheduled meetings.

The Board met in Executive Session at 11:30 a.m.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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Aileen DeMenge, Secretary/Treasurer

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Harold Harms, President